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Director's Meeting

Monday, 28 April 1952

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PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wolf, Becker, Hedden,

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted the item in the Log of 25 - 26 April concerning Mr. Harriman's proposal and asked Mr. Becker what action had been taken on this matter. Mr. Becker stated that he had discussed this with Mr. Wisner and that he (Mr. Becker) intended to appoint Mr. Amory from the "intelligence side" of the Agency and that Mr. Wisner had undertaken to recommend one of his people from the "operations side" to represent CIA on the Committee in question.

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c. Noted that he was attending a meeting of the Disarmament Panel at State today and asked if there was any objection to attempting to "smoke out" the extent of Soviet rearmament by publicizing what we knew as to the strength of Soviet and satellite armed forces. In this connection, Mr. Dulles noted that (1) we might even use "higher figures" than those we believe to be substantially correct; (2) the British had been giving some publicity to Soviet and satellite armed forces, particularly their Air Force. The Director stated that the Panel should do whatever it thinks best in this regard. Mr. Becker noted that such publicity would tend to prepare psychologically the Western peoples as to the extent of Soviet rearmament.

d. Invited the Director to a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, 30 April. he was having for Mr. Dulles noted that Messrs. Wisner and Bohlen would also be present. The DCI accepted. (NOTE: This luncheon is being held at the home of D/DCI.)

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